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<u>Issue: BAYOU HEALTH Enrollees Who Move to Area Where BAYOU HEALTH is Not Yet</u> Implemented

During the transition to BAYOU HEALTH (February 2012 through May 2012) Medicaid and LaCHIP recipients who are enrolled in a BAYOU HEALTH Plan may move to a geographic area in which BAYOU HEALTH has not yet been implemented and remain in their chosen Health Plan. DHH has identified some cases in which a Medicaid or LaCHIP recipient living in GSA B or C was enrolled in a BAYOU HEALTH Plan, because their parish of residence reflected on the Medicaid eligibility file was in GSA A.

In these situations, DHH will **not** transfer BAYOU HEALTH members who are no longer residing in a Region in which BAYOU HEALTH is fully implemented to the legacy Medicaid Program. All five of the BAYOU HEALTH Plans have agreed to reimburse "out-of-network" providers, if necessary, at 100% of the Medicaid payable amount in effect on the date of service.

Providers should contact Provider Relations for the member's Health Plan for any special instructions for submitting the claim.